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GENERAL NOTICE LETTER
URGENT LEGAL MATTER
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Blessy Marine
Clark Todd
President and Chief Operating Officer
1515 River Oaks Road East
Harahan, LA 70123

Re: General Notice Letter for the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site
in Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas

Dear President Todd:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for responding to the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund law. The EPA has documented that such a release has occurred at the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Site (Site) in Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas. The EPA has spent, or is considering spending, public funds to investigate and control releases of hazardous substances or potential releases of hazardous substances at the Site. Based on information presently available to EPA, EPA has determined that your company may be responsible under CERCLA for cleanup of the Site and costs EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

Site Background

The Site is a former barge cleaning, sand blasting, and repair facility operated from 1971 to 1998. Wash waters from barge cleaning were stored in three surface waste impoundments in the north area until the impoundments were closed in 1982. Afterwards, wastewater was stored in a floating barge or storage tanks at the Site. Surface storage tanks located in the concrete berm area contained volatile organic compounds including benzene, chloroform, dichloroethane, and trichloroethylene. The potentially responsible parties (PRPs) conducted a removal action in Spring 2011 that removed the remaining storage tanks and contaminated soil in the tank storage area at the Site. The Remedial Investigation, completed in May 2011, indicates Site contaminants include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides, chlorinated hydrocarbons, and metals.



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